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MR. SPEAKER :—" I think the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House may come to an agreement and then inform me."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition may come to an agreement. But in all matters the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House cannot mortgage the rights of all other Members of the Assembly." (Cheers.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I agree, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" It was previously announced that the Assembly will conclude its sitting on the 17th instant. On the basis of that we have fixed a number of important engagements. I do not think at this stage we could cancel those engagements."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I did not make any definite commitment. I said I hoped that the Assembly would finish its business on the 17th. After all, I may tell the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, that Assembly business is more important than any other business. First priority should be given to the work of the Assembly." (Cheers.)

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Action against the Police for certain irregularities.

* 366 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to enquire into the irregularities of the Police referred to in the judgment of the Assistant Sessions Judge, Tanjore, dated 15th October 1954, acquitting in a case before him the accused Sundaresa Tevar and others; and

(*b*) if so, whether any departmental action has been taken against the Police officials concerned and if so, with what results?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Departmental action is being taken against the Police official concerned."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Is it not a fact that one Rautha Thevar, an accused, was impersonated during the sessions trial by his father in the dock? If so, may I know how it happened, when it was detected and by whom it was detected? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That seems to be an interesting information given to me by the hon. Member. I shall certainly look into the matter."

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Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Not only that. The Judge has also pointed out that most unsatisfactory and contradicting evidence had been laid in the case resulting in the necessary acquittal of all the accused. Was this brought to the notice of Government? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why action is being taken against the Sub-Inspector."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what are the charges that have been levelled against the Police official in this case? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These are the charges :

(a) Failure on the part of the Sub-Inspector to arrest two of the accused who accompanied some prosecution witnesses when they were taken to the Police station.

(b) Failure to examine a particular witness, the medical officer, with reference to the injuries he noticed on the person of certain prosecution witnesses when they were taken to him.

(c) Failure to obtain the wound certificates immediately from the medical officer.

(d) Failure to examine other independent witnesses even though they could not be cited as witnesses.

(e) Failure of the Sub-Inspector to ascertain the name of one of the accused correctly which resulted in the correction of the charge-sheet at a later stage giving room for adverse comments."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஸார், இந்த வழக்கில் போலீஸ் காரர்கள் சரியானபடி நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாததால் வழக்கு தள்ளுபடி செய்யப்பட்டது. ஆகையால், அந்த போலீஸ் அதிகாரிகள் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப் போவதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இதுமாதிரி வேறு சில வழக்குகளும் போலீசார் சரியானபடி நடந்து கொள்ளாததால் தள்ளுபடி செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அவர்கள் மீதும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும் பழக்கம் உண்டா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whenever irregularities are brought to the notice of Government, action is being taken against those concerned."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have the Government got any fixed policy with regard to such judicial observations made by eminent judicial officers with regard to the officers of this State? " 11-10 a.m.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is putting a general question."

Sri E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the irregularities he has just now pointed out are not generally found in most cases and whether in all such cases action is taken? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as my experience goes, I cannot say that the remarks could apply to all cases."

Acquisition of lands under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954.

* 367 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands to be acquired and distributed in the City of Madras under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act of 1954; and

(*b*) the extent of lands that will be acquired before the end of 1954–55 with the amount provided in the budget for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The question of drawing up a programme of slum improvement as contemplated by the Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act is under the consideration of the Government, and so no amount has been provided in the budget for 1954–55 for the purpose."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Collector of Madras, the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust and the Director of Harijan Welfare have submitted any proposals under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Commissioner, before submitting his proposals, will consult the Collector of Madras, the Director of Harijan Welfare, the Chairman, City Improvement Trust and the Director of Town-Planning."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the lands that are acquired are poramboke lands or private lands? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Private lands on which there are slums will also be acquired."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" I know, Sir, that there are many slum-dwellers who are anxious to get their house-sites acquired under the provisions of the Slum Improvement Act and that they have also represented the matter to the Hon. Minister and other officers concerned. I want to know what action has been taken by the Government to help these slum-dwellers to become the owners of the house-sites? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" When proposals are received and the matter is finalized, the lands will be acquired."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, has any land been acquired at all under the Act and if so, from whom? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Not so far."